

The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin Commissioner

LETTER OF DEFICIENCY WET 06-064

June 29, 2006

William G Hasbrouck 849 Route 10 Gilsum, NH 03448

RE: DES Wetlands File #2006-00174 Off Howard Rd, Gilsum

Dear Mr. Hasbrouk:

On February 8, 2006, personnel from the Department of Environmental Services ("DES") conducted an inspection of the above referenced property, more specifically referenced on Town of Gilsum Tax Map 409 as Lot 10 (the "Property"). The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with RSA 482-A and NH Code of Admin. Rules Env-Wt 100-800.

During the inspection the following deficiencies were documented:

1. A road had been constructed in and adjacent to a wetland and perennial stream. A portion of the road impacted wetland. The road surface was unstable resulting in sediment deposition in the wetland and stream channel. The sediment deposition was approximately 800 square feet and up to 6 inches thick.

In response, you were requested to within 30 days remove the sediment from the wetland and stream channel, restore the wetland impacted by the road, stabilize the road surface and maintain adequate erosion controls. To date these activities have not been completed.

You are requested to take the following actions:

- 1. Within 30 days of receipt of this Letter of Deficiency, submit a restoration plan to DES for review and approval. Have the restoration plan prepared by a certified wetland scientist, and include provisions to remove the sediment from the wetland and stream channel, restore the wetland impacted by the road, stabilize the road surface and maintain adequate erosion controls on the Property. Submit the following with the restoration plan:
 - a. A plan with dimensions, drawn to scale, showing:
 - 1. Existing conditions, with wetland boundaries; and
 - 2. Proposed conditions after reestablishing the jurisdictional areas;
 - b. A detailed description of the proposed means of erosion control (silt fence, hay bales,

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- etc) and stabilization of the restoration area;
- c. A detailed description of the proposed planting plan for the stabilization and revegetation of the restoration area and control of invasive species such as purple loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria) and common reed (Phragmites australis);
- d. A description of the proposed construction sequence and methods for accomplishing restoration and anticipated restoration compliance date;
- e. Provisions to remove the sediment deposition in the wetland and stream using hand tools only;
- f. A description of the method of documenting at least 75% survival of all vegetation planted during the restoration project. This should include at a minimum monitoring progress reports for two successive growing seasons following completion of the restoration project;
- g. Provisions to complete the requested restoration activities within 60 days of the date of this letter.
- 2. Retain a qualified wetland scientist to supervise the implementation of the restoration plan and to submit the restoration progress reports.
- 3. Implement the restoration plan only after receiving written approval and as conditioned by DES.

RSA 482-A, the New Hampshire Wetlands law, was enacted to protect and preserve wetlands and surface waters from unregulated despoliation. Prior to dredging, filling, or construction in and adjacent to wetlands or surface waters, an individual is required to obtain a permit. If work is done without a permit, this is considered a violation of RSA 482-A. Failure to respond to this Letter of Deficiency in a timely and complete manner may be construed as noncompliance by the receiving party.

DES personnel may conduct another inspection at a later date to determine whether you have come into and are maintaining full compliance with the applicable statute and rules.

Issuance of this letter shall not preclude further enforcement by DES. Failure to comply with RSA 482-A will result in enforcement by DES, including but not limited to the issuance of fines, administrative orders, or referral to the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General for prosecution of civil or criminal penalties. If an order is issued to you, it may also be recorded with the Registry of Deeds as an encumbrance against your property.

All documents submitted in response to this Letter of Deficiency should be addressed as follows:

Dawn Buker Wetlands Bureau Department of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Drive PO Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or wish to arrange a meeting, please contact Dawn Buker at (603) 271-4066.

Sincerely,

Collis G. Adams, CWS

Administrator
Wetlands Bureau

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